(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of International Standard Garden in Kamataka

3527. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Kamataka has sent some proposals for development of international standard garden at Linganamakki Dam, Shimoga District; for providing Sound & Light show at Golgumbaz, Bijapur, development Siddarabetta Hill ranges in Tumkur District; construction of tourist hostel at Indian Heritage Academy, Bangalore, promotion of endogenous tourism project at Sagar, District Shimoga, and Karkala in Dakshin Kannada District, and certain large revenue generating schemes at Gadag, Soundatti (Belgaum), Mysore, Hapi (Hospet), including Bandipur Tiger Reserve; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the present status of each proposal/ project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Identification of tourist places/spots is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the State Governments identifies such places of tourist interest and based on project proposals from the States offers financial assistance for development of their infrastructure.

However, the project proposals received complete in all respects, are processed on inter-se-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective heads. During the year 2004-05 projects worth Rs. 24.39 crore were sanctioned for Kamataka State. This included the project proposal for Bandipur Tiger Reserve for central financial assistance of Rs. 195.70 lakhs. No other project proposal mentioned in the question was complete as per guidelines and hence were not considered.

Execution and implementation of the project proposals sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.